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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on November 13, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to identify which of the newly added claims are readable on the *elected* species as required by MPEP 809.02(a). See 37 CFR 1.111.

It is noted that applicant originally elected the species of Figures 1, 2, and 3A whereby claims 1-7 and 16-23 were indicated as being readable on the elected species. In the amendment filed June 24, 2002 (Paper No. 8), applicant proceeded to amend claims 1 and 16 thereby drawing the claims to a non-elected species, i.e., that of Figures 4 and 5. *Accordingly*, since claims 1-7, 22, 23, and 16-21 (see Paper No. 8) do not read on the elected species and applicant has failed to identify which of the newly added claims are readable on the elected species, at present there are no claims to examine on the merits. Thus, applicant is required to identify all of the claims readable on the species of Figures 1, 2, and 3A.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is (703)-305-2872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1113.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Stodola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

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